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REPRESENTATIVE MIKE CHENAULT SPEAKER OF THE ALASKA STATE HOUSE

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members, Alaska State House

FROM: Representative Mike Chenault
Speaker, Alaska State House

DATE: March 31, 2014

RE: Amendment to SB 124

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Chenault", is written over the "FROM:" line and extends slightly into the "DATE:" line.

Attached you will find an amendment I intend to offer to Senate Bill 124 in the Rules Committee meeting scheduled for this Thursday, April 3rd. The amendment is being offered to clarify the legislative record on House Bill 4 which clearly reflects the intent that the Governor can appoint from the widest possible field of expertise, without limiting that field to Alaskans. Under AS 31.25, the Governor shall consider an individual's expertise and experience in natural gas pipeline construction, operation, and marketing; finance; large project management; and other expertise and experience that is relevant to the purpose, powers and duties of the corporation.

One of the Governor's appointees to the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation is Richard Rabinow. I realize that Mr. Rabinow is a resident of Texas. However, he has pipeline expertise spanning over four decades. There are very few individuals in the United States with his level of historical knowledge and executive leadership in the pipeline industry. Mr. Rabinow has a national perspective of the pipeline industry which includes an understanding and hands-on experience with Alaska's pipeline projects. Even after retirement, Mr. Rabinow continues to stay connected to the pipeline industry and has kept up with events in Alaska. He has expertise in project conception, logistics planning, maintenance, operations, project management, environmental safety, open seasons and timing of market initiatives, qualifications that are very difficult to find in one individual. I, for one, am very grateful a candidate of his caliber is willing to serve the Alaska public on AGDC's Board of Directors, despite his being a nonresident.

The appointment of one nonresident on a board with four Alaskans and two commissioners from the administration balances the interests of Alaskans with the need for worldwide expertise in specific areas and I believe these appointments will generate the best possible results for Alaska.

Although I would prefer to find another bill for this amendment or attach this amendment to Senate Bill 138, the timing of the Joint Session for confirmations precludes the use of Senate Bill 138. Other vehicles for the amendment are also not readily available at this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Tom Wright of my staff if you would like to discuss the amendment or have other concerns.

Thank you.

Attachments

cc: Senator Kevin Meyer